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SUBJECT: ANTI-TERRORIST ACCESS CONTROL - CONSULAR SECTION -  
PANAMA

REF: STATE 210312, DATED SEP 4, 1975

1. THE FOLLOWING SECURITY PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY AM-  
BASSADOR AND ESTIMATES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR THEIR CONSTRUCTION  
AND INSTALLATION. ONCE THESE NECESSARY PROJECTS HAVE BEEN ACCOM-  
PLISHED SOUND SECURITY PROTECTION AND ACCESS CONTROL WILL BE IN  
EFFECT FOR THE CONSULAR SECTION. (NOTE: THE CONSULAR SECTION IS  
IN A SEPARATE BUILDING LOCATED TWO BLOCKS FROM THE CHANCERY.)

A. INSIDE CONSULAR ENTRANCE CONSTRUCT ANTI-TERRORIST BOOTH AND  
SECURED VESTIBULE FOR PROTECTION OF MSG AND FOR CONTROLLING  
ACCESS TO CONSULAR BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR. PRESENTLY THE GUARD  
HAS NO REPEAT NO PROTECTION. HE IS POSITIONED BEHIND A REGULAR  
OFFICE DESK. VESTIBULE AND FRONT OF GUARD BOOTH TO BE CONSTRUCTED  
OF LEXAN AND EQUIPPED WITH A WALK-THRU METAL DETECTOR THAT IS  
LOCATED AT POST.

B. INSTALL TWO DOORS AND LEXON BARRIER TO FORM A SCREENING AREA  
PRIOR TO PERSONNEL GAINING ACCESS TO CONSULAR SECTION. DOORS  
WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH A BRUTE ELECTRICAL LOCK, CONTROLS TO BE  
LOCATED IN NEW GUARD BOOTH AREA.

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C. INSTALL LEXON FROM TOP OF EXISTING COUNTER TO CEILING WITH  
ONE FOOT OF TOP SPACE COVERED WITH EXPANDED METAL FOR VENTILATION  
CIRCULATION. THIS WILL AFFORD PROTECTION TO ALL CONSULAR PERSONNEL  
WORKING IN OPEN COUNTER/CONSULAR/CITIZENSHIP AREAS. LEXON TO BE  
INSTALLED IN CASHIER TYPE BOOTH FRONTS FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONNEL.

D. CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF AN EMERGENCY EXIT DOOR  
IN REAR AREA OF CONSULAR SECTION FOR USE IN EMERGENCY IN CASE  
OF FIRE, BOMBING OR TERRORIST ACTIVITY. DOOR TO BE EQUIPPED  
WITH BARRICADE BARS.

E. CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF TWO INTERNAL CONTROL  
DOORS TO CONTROL INTERNAL MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL WHO ARE WAITING  
IN CONSULAR SECTION. DOORS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH ELECTRICAL RELEASE  
AND CONTROL BY GUARD AND ALSO EQUIPPED WITH CYPHER LOCK FOR EMPLOYEE  
USE AND FREE READY ACCESS.

2. ONE CONTRACTOR HAS AGREED TO COMPLETE ALL THESE PROJECTS  
LISTED ABOVE FOR ESTIMATED COST OF \$17,834.85.

3. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS TO BE PURCHASED BY EMBASSY FOR INSTALLATION  
BY CONTRACTOR:

A. LEXON AND COST OF SHIPPING - \$2,000.00

4. TOTAL COST FOR ANTI-TERRORIST PROJECT FOR CONSULAR SECTION -  
\$19,834.85.

5. PLEASE SUPPLY POST WITH NECESSARY FUNDS TO COMPLETE THIS  
PROJECT ASAP. ON COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT, WITH INTERNAL/  
ACCESS CONTROL BY MSG AND EXTERNAL SECURITY BY GUARDIA NACIONAL  
(GN), THE CONSULAR SECTION WILL BE SECURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
SPIRIT OF THE EAGLEBURGER CABLE (REFTEL).  
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